

April Alchemy

I write short poems because I am
a creature of these modern times
and have a short attention span
just suitable for silly rhymes

I may not be the best father but I do the best I can
to explain things to my children and I hope they understand
I say "Do as I say and not as I do" and some people think that's hypocritical
but if they do all of the things that I did they could wind up in jail or hospital

In any western language
on signs wherever you go
you'll see a little happy face
drawn inside the O

Our point of view to some extent depends
on the people who we want to have as friends

I've always been an artist in my mind
because I can see faces in the clouds
and when I see these pictures in the sky
for some strange reason that makes me feel proud

that I am so perceptive and aware
that in these shapes which shift so fluidly
I can see a world that isn't there
and that is an amazing thing to see

But when I try to tell you what I've seen
it doesn't sound like very much at all
there's a face, and over there's a tree
it's just a picture on a big, blue wall

but an artist is someone who can convey
that other world in painting, sculpture, sound
in words, perhaps, there are so many ways
to represent the images you've found

I've always been an artist in my mind
but that's not where an artist is defined